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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Benton County

In September 2011 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Michelle D. Morgan** (RN00154263) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly discontinued patients' prescriptions without a physician's order.

In September 2011 the Medical Commission modified the agreed order against physician **Clarence D. Washington** (MD00014637). His license remains on probation. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

Clark County

In September 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Thomas Allen Breitenbauch** (CO60234276) and placed his certification on probation for two years, and set conditions against his credential. He was convicted of multiple counts of forgery, possession of stolen property, and possession of a controlled substance — methamphetamine.

King County

In September 2011 the Medical Commission charged physician **John H. Addison** (MD00018359) with unprofessional conduct and corrected his statement of charges. He allegedly

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employed a physician who wasn't licensed in Washington and allowed him to practice as a physician in his facility for about a year.

In September 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program charged chemical dependency professional **Denise Hipp** (CP00002146) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to work out a payment dispute with a client and refused to accept the payment unless the client withdrew the complaint to the Department of Health.

In September 2011 the Massage Program charged **Bruce A. Klein** (MA00006772) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly touched a patient inappropriately during a massage therapy session.

In September 2011 the Massage Program ended a probation order against **Sonia S. Raines** (MA60099753).

In September 2011 the Unlicensed Practice Program served **Betsy J. Santos** with notice of intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. She allegedly used a laser device to remove hair from a patient without a physician or physician assistant on the premises. She doesn't hold a health care license.

In September 2011 the Nursing Commission granted the applications of registered nurse and advanced registered nurse practitioner **Mary Christine Weber** (RN60218561, AP60218656) and placed conditions against her licenses. She was convicted of driving under the influence on more than one occasion. The Montana Board of Nursing placed conditions against her license to practice in Montana.

Kitsap County

In September 2011 the Secretary of Health placed registered nurse **Nicholas W. Callicoat** (RN00167823) on probation for two years and set conditions against his credential. He entered into a sexual relationship with a patient.

Kittitas County

In August 2011 the Board of Pharmacy denied the application for pharmacy assistant **Courtney Elizabeth Chandler** (VB60226035). She was convicted of vandalism and a false 9-1-1 call.

Mason County

In September 2011 the Office of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program charged emergency medical technician **Michael S. Christen** (ES60165518) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly falsified information on his initial application. He was also convicted of driving under the influence.

Pacific County

In September 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Audrey R. Magallon** (NC10098895) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of identity theft, two counts of theft, and two counts of computer crime.

Pierce County

In September 2011 the Board of Pharmacy charged pharmacy assistant and technician **Stephanie A. Fouhy** (VB00072753, VA60093825) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly diverted controlled substances for her own use from her workplace.

In September 2011 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Gina M. Weathers** (LP00040977) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

Snohomish County

In September 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Cathleen A. Reynolds** (NC10067148) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with a request from the Department of Health.

Spokane County

In September 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Michael D. Allread** (NA00193408) with unprofessional conduct. He was convicted of child rape in the second and third degree.

In September 2011 the Medical Commission corrected the statement of charges against physician assistant **Steven M. Featherkile** (PA10003559). He was convicted of false representation in order to receive payment under a federal health care program. The original statement of charges incorrectly identified the conviction as a felony. It is a gross misdemeanor.

In September 2011 the Dental Commission charged dentist **Thomas F. Weiler** (DE00005502) with unprofessional conduct. The care he provided fell below the standard when treating a patient's periodontal condition resulting in periodontal bone loss and loss of all the patient's natural teeth.

Stevens County

In September 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Cindy K. Hetherington** (NC10091330) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly took two rings from a patient and sold them at a pawn shop. She was convicted of theft and two counts of trafficking stolen property.

Thurston County

In October 2011 the East Asian Medicine Program withdrew charges against **Shannon Rae Osborne** (AC00000503).

Whatcom County

In September 2011 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Sherry A. Patrick** (RN00169003) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly withdrew medications in excess of physician orders, failed to document wastage of remaining medications, and failed to document administration of medication.

Out of State

Oregon: In September 2011 the Marriage and Family Therapist Program charged licensed marriage and family therapist **Susan Spillane-Bramlette** (LF00001909) with unprofessional conduct. Allegations include providing therapy without any consent to treatment, failing to provide separate personal/medical information sheets for two clients, revealing information about counseling sessions in a court affidavit without a release of information from the client, and asking a client to write a message in support of her justification for breaching confidentiality.

Oregon: In August 2011 the Massage Program denied the application of **Christina Marie Davis** (MA60202678). She was convicted of driving under the influence on more than one occasion.

Pennsylvania: In September 2011 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse and advanced registered nurse practitioner **Theodore E. Ritter, Jr.** (RN00070602, AP30000303) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to adequately manage patients' medication, prescribed excessive doses of opioids to a patient, began a sexual relationship with a patient, the treatment he provided fell below the standard when he was caring for a patient, and allowed his unlicensed assistant to fill in pre-signed prescriptions to patients he spoke with over the phone.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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